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**For President---1912  
WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,  
Of Ohio.****DIVIDE AND CONQUER.**

Piecemeal revision of the tariff is already showing how dangerous it may be to the industries of the country. In the house of representatives, when members from one state find a local industry has been hit hard by some proposed reduction, they say to the rest, "your time is coming," and throw the weight of their influence into hurrying some other section of the country to even up the destruction. "Divide the enemy and conquer" was Napoleon's plan in battle. Some Napoleons are trying it in Washington.

President Taft wishes congress to wait until the tariff board has finished its work. This is the only sensible plan. If the quarreling in the house keeps up the country will have a free list that will make this country the cheapest place on earth to live in, but no one except the rich will have money with which to buy anything.

The San Francisco Chronicle has taken up some local tariff issues, and hints that if California is to be hurt through free sugar and a lower duty on olive oil other parts of the country will have to make similar sacrifices before the painful operation of amputating local industries from that body of domestic commerce is completed. The Chronicle puts the California case in the following light:

Every olive grower who has lost his protection will vote to take it from all the others. So will every farmer who raises sugar beets and loses his protection. In that way every removal of a duty on any commodity makes democratic votes to get even.

There is no way to maintain a protective tariff except by the unification of all who desire protection in the determination to protect each other. Anything short of that means free trade in competitive products. Wage-earners and salaried men sometimes think that their incomes will go further when commodities are free. What will happen is that they will get less income and many of them no income.

If the lemon and orange growers of California imagine that the result of the desertion by so many of them of stalwart republicanism will not be the doom of their industry, let them wait a little while. The country is full of those once their friends, but whom they deserted by sending mush-and-milk representatives to Washington, who are just aching to get even with them. And they will do it. There are a great many more steel producers than lemon producers.

The republicans of California have just one chance and no more. If by their votes this summer and autumn they show that they are ashamed, repentant and repudiate absolutely all forms of insurgency and every candidate who bears any of that taint, it may yet be well with us. Otherwise it will be mad for us. Take your choice.

It is just as well that someone has started to make trouble early in the election campaign. The tariff problem must be studied as a whole. A tariff founded on recriminations and attempts to do the other fellow as much harm as possible may be the result of the plan the majority in the house of representatives is now following. It is hard to build up industries, but it would not take long to tear to pieces most of what we have. Is the tariff to be revised by the house on the plan of the fight between the Kilkenny cats?

**COLONEL SHOWING SIGNS OF WORRY.**

It is evident that the Colonel's egotism is not altogether blind. He is beginning to realize that his carefully planned boom has resulted in an anti-climax. The alarm call has been sent out to the seven governors who were secured to summon this willing Cincinnatus from the plow. All is far from well with the Roosevelt campaign and the Colonel is irritated. From present indications the nomination of Taft will be assured long before the date of the Chicago convention. Instead of weakening the president's popularity, the result of Roosevelt's announcement of candi-

dacy seems to have been just the factor to unite the forces of Taft. The Colonel has discovered that he has been deceived by his own shoutings, and the shoutings of his followers, into believing that he had legions behind him. This knowledge has come since the effect of the third-term announcement has taken such shape that it can be analyzed. The seven governors will have a very peevish time with the Colonel when that meeting is held.

As a follower of the sport of the ring, Colonel Roosevelt should have taken warnings from the fate of one Mr. Jeffries, who was at one time a popular idol exalted above the Colonel. Mr. Jeffries attempted to "come back" with sorrowful results. The difference between the case of Mr. Jeffries and that of Colonel Roosevelt is that there was really a popular demand for Mr. Jeffries to "come back." That gentleman attempted to evade the evident desire of a certain section of the great American public, but he was finally persuaded that the fate of the nation hung upon his recrudescence. He agreed to "come back" and the same people who made that demand now class Mr. Jeffries' attempt to come back as the most spectacular folly of a decade. This is ungrateful but human.

Probably it is the Colonel's Marquis of Queensberry epigram in announcing his determination to emulate the lamented Mr. Jeffries that causes him to feel gloomy at this time and to ponder over that other popular idol who tried to come back. For the Colonel's position promises to be more humiliating than that of Mr. Jeffries, who responded to an unmistakable popular demand. It is beginning to be thoroughly realized that the Colonel's determination to "come back" was not inspired by popular demand. He is nobody's hope but the Colonel's. The Roosevelt followers have been trying their best to make a noise like a call of the people, but it is decidedly ineffectual compared to that which was in evidence when the all-important Jeffries decision was made.

The Colonel is beginning to regret that he was so hasty with his headgear.—S. F. Post.

**PREHISTORIC MOSQUITOES.**

If the dispatches from Washington are true, the government has a semi-official message from the world of 60,000,000 years ago. Assistant Secretary of State Adece received a curious prehistoric deposit from Brazil, and, in chemically analyzing it, found two minute larvae inside the rock. He was so astounded that he sent the embryonic animals to the agricultural department. Under scientific development the larvae produced two magnificent mosquitoes. It is too bad that this was not wholly covered by established official investigation, for Mr. Adece, after all, is not a government chemist, though a chemical expert. However, the authority covering the case seems good, and it will go to strengthen the assertions made by workers in stone quarries from time to time that they happen, in splitting the living rock, on toads and frogs living in a state of suspended animation.

The Smithsonian Institution has, however, taken up the investigation of the prehistoric mosquitoes. Its experts declare that the rich in which they were found is not less than 60,000,000 years old, and it possibly may have been formed 200,000,000 years ago. If these mosquitoes and the frogs or toads caught in the formation process of stone now far underlying the surface of the earth are finally accepted, we have a far more eloquent message from the ages of the earth's formation than is found in the mute tracery of ferns and fishes in the strata. It is declared that the mosquitoes that developed brought with them the song that we know. They were yellow-fever mosquitoes, "just like the ones found in Central America today." We have known that the mosquito was very old, for in Egyptian excavations they have been found in honey of four thousand years ago.

**THEORY IS PUT INTO PRACTICE.**

There has been a great deal said concerning the ridiculous side of the proposition to make the courts of law the playthings of mob prejudices. Some insight into the other side is given in the tragedy of Hillsville, Va., where a fearless judge was murdered as he rendered a decision according to law, and the court officers who assisted him in the performance of his duty were exterminated. The Hillsville tragedy was the working out of the theory of recalling a decision as advocated in the Colonel's Columbus speech. It demonstrated that the spirit of anarchy has been engendered by the vicious campaign that has been waged against all forms of judicial procedure by reckless demagogues. If the Hillsville outrage were only a demonstration of sectional outburst, it would not be of such grave significance, but it is the direct result of a dangerous propaganda.

It has been shown that recalling judges and recalling decisions of law courts would make the law and the constitution impotent and result in the most absurd contradictions. The fallacy of these theories has been demonstrated by the reduction to absurdum process. But their advocates have persisted until now the entire country is shocked and horrified by this exhibition of utter contempt for the law that has been shown in this little Virginia town. When a candidate for the highest office in the land and popular idol is voicing the very sentiments that prompted the Hillsville tragedy, the horrified amazement that is felt at such a spasm of lawlessness is somewhat tempered by the belief that there must be causes for such an outbreak. There are.

Among them is the spreading of doctrines like those expressed in the Colonel's Columbus speech. The insurgents have preached resentment against court decisions that temporarily displace the people affected. This was practiced at the Hillsville tragedy.

La Follette has been consigned to the Ananias club, declares a headline. Well, he will meet the Colonel there and be able to tell him just what he thinks about him.

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